

R430-100-22. ANIMALS.

- (1) The provider shall inform parents of the types of animals permitted at the facility.**

Rationale / Explanation

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that parents are aware of any animals their child may come in contact with at the center. This is important because the risk of injury, infection, and aggravation from allergies due to contact between children and animals is significant. CFOC, pg. 111 Standard 3.042; pg. 335 Standard 8.005

Enforcement

Always Level 2 Noncompliance.

- (2) All animals at the facility shall be clean and free of obvious disease or health problems that could adversely affect children.**

Rationale / Explanation

Animals, including pets, can be a source of illness for people; likewise, people may be a source of illness for animals. The purpose of this rule is to prevent the spread of disease through contact with dirty or ill animals, and to prevent children from being bitten or otherwise injured by a sick animal. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.044

Enforcement

Level 1 Noncompliance: If children have access to an animal with a disease that is transmissible to humans.

Level 3 Noncompliance otherwise.

- (3) All animals at the facility shall have current immunizations for all vaccine preventable diseases that are transmissible to humans. The center shall have documentation of the vaccinations.**

Rationale / Explanation

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Enforcement

Licensors should look for documentation of rabies vaccinations to verify compliance with this rule.

Always Level 1 Noncompliance.

- (4) There shall be no animal on the premises that has a history of dangerous, attacking, or aggressive behavior, or a history of biting even one person.**

Rationale / Explanation

The purpose of this rule is to prevent injury to children by an aggressive animal. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.043

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Enforcement

Always Level 1 Noncompliance.

- (5) Children shall not assist with the cleaning of animals or animal cages, pens, or equipment.**

Rationale / Explanation

Animals, including pets, can be a source of illness for people; likewise, people may be a source of illness for animals. A pet's food can also become contaminated by standing at room temperature. The purpose of this rule is to prevent the spread of disease to children from animal food or droppings. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.044

Enforcement

Always Level 3 Noncompliance.

- (6) There shall be no animals or animal equipment in food preparation or eating areas.**

Rationale / Explanation

The presence of animals in food preparation or eating areas can increase the risk of contaminating food. CFOC, pg. 170 Standard 4.042

Enforcement

Always Level 2 Noncompliance.

- (7) Children shall not handle reptiles or amphibians.**

Rationale / Explanation

The purpose of this rule is to prevent the spread of salmonella. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.043

Enforcement

Always Level 2 Noncompliance.